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In re Application of:)
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Imaging and Therapeutic Agents)

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CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

On April 16, 2001, the Patent Office mailed a NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY in regard to outstanding application filing fees due in response to a NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS mailed February 1, 2001. In the COVER LETTER FOR CORRECTION OF PREVIOUS NOTICE accompanying the NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY, the Patent Office indicated that the time period for responding to the NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY ran from the date on which the NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY was mailed (i.e. April 16, 2001). However, neither the NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY nor the COVER LETTER FOR CORRECTION OF PREVIOUS NOTICE indicated what the time period was for responding. Accordingly, Applicant's presume that the time period is the six months statutory time period set by 35 U.S.C. 133, which expires October 14, 2001. However, to the extent that Applicants are wrong in their understanding of the applicable time period requirements, they respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for a suitable extension of

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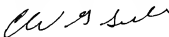
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time to keep the application pending through September 17, 2001. Please charge any associated fees to Deposit Account 11-0980.

A copy of the NOTICE and COVER LETTER is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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